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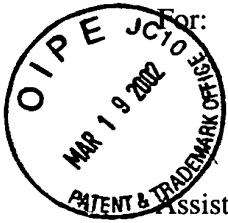
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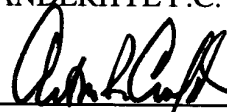
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Also attached, for the examiners information, is a copy of the PCT application published February 7, 2002.

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